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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

AUSTRALIA.

SYDNEY—Plague-prevention work—Plague rats found.

The following information is taken from bulletins issued by the department of public health of New South Wales:

During the three weeks ended April 30, 1910, 5,986 rats were destroyed, of which number 1,988 were examined for plague infection. Three plague-infected rats were found, all in the same locality.

HONGKONG—Plague and smallpox—Inspection of vessels.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Foster reports, May 4 and 11:

Weeks ended April 30 and May 7. Quarantine restrictions against Hongkong remain as reported April 23. By official order of May 6 medical examination and discretionary quarantine were imposed at Hongkong against Bangkok, Siam, on account of cholera.

During the week ended April 30, 3 cases of plague with 3 deaths were reported at Hongkong, and on May 2 a fatal case occurred in a godown. The godown has been thoroughly disinfected by the sanitary authorities and measures for the destruction of rats and the rendering of the building rat proof are being carried out.

INSPECTION AND DISINFECTION OF VESSELS.

Week ended April 30.

Vessels granted bills of health.....	9
Total members of crews.....	805
Total cabin passengers.....	252
Total steerage passengers.....	475
Members of crews bathed.....	646
Steerage passengers bathed.....	469
Pieces of baggage disinfected.....	1, 113
Vessels disinfected to kill rats.....	2
Crews' quarters disinfected:	
With formaldehyde.....	4
With sulphur.....	2

Week ended May 7.

Vessels granted bills of health.....	7
Total members of crews.....	618
Total cabin passengers.....	192
Total steerage passengers.....	71
Members of crews bathed.....	505
Steerage passengers bathed.....	76
Pieces of baggage disinfected.....	581
Vessels disinfected to kill rats.....	0
Crews' quarters disinfected:	
With formaldehyde.....	7
With sulphur.....	0